



Lady Cove Women's Choir offers preview of groundbreaking work *No Matter What*

Jane's friends are throwing her a baby shower, but they'll soon find out how an event from the past will shape the course of their evening.

St. John's, NL, March 23, 2015: Lady Cove Women's Choir is embarking on a new artistic journey, like nothing seen or heard before. *No Matter What* represents a first in Newfoundland choral music history: a piece of choral theatre that explores the strength and resilience of Newfoundland women of the past and present.

On Wednesday, **March 25 at 12:15pm to 12:45 pm** at the MMAP Gallery, Arts and Culture Centre, the media will be given a sneak peak of this work that will be premiered in April. Lady Cove Artistic Director Kellie Walsh and Director Danielle Irving will speak about bringing this work to the stage. Walsh will also be rehearsing with a group of performers, who will be available to talk about the challenges of a choral group presenting a theatrical work.

No Matter What was written by esteemed Newfoundland-born composer, Jonathan Monro, who says his inspiration for the work came from a David Blackwood etching given to his mother in commemoration of his birth:

"Though the show is filled with many emotional layers, the women in the etching inspired me to explore one of the most extraordinary qualities of Newfoundland women: resilience," says Monro. *"I dedicate it to my mother, to Kellie Walsh and her incredible choir, Lady Cove, and to the women who raised me."*

Artistic Director, Kellie Walsh says the process has been one of significant growth and discovery:

"Monro has created a piece of choral theatre that celebrates the women of today, but has also made us look to the past, as part of the work is based on the resettlement of Bragg's Island," says Walsh. *"One of my favourite memories of this project will be a visit I took with a few choir members to meet Reta and Len, the last couple married on Braggs Island; to hear them describe what living on Bragg's island was like, and how they lived through resettlement."*

No Matter What takes place April 18th and 19th at the LSPU Hall in St. John's.

Tickets: Available at the LSPU Hall Box Office, 3 Victoria Street

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Box Office Hours: Monday to Friday: 12pm-5pm. The Box Office is open until show time on performance days. One hour before performances only in person ticket purchases will be processed.

Lady Cove Women's Choir is named after the community of Lady Cove in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. Based in St. John's, the choir of over 50 voices was established by Kellie Walsh in September 2003. Over the past 12 seasons, Lady Cove has become known for its exceptional musicianship, intimate and expressive performances, and community engagement. Performing regularly on the national and international stage, Lady Cove recently travelled to Riga, Latvia to participate in the World Choir Games where the choir was awarded two gold medals and an overall third place ranking in the women's choir category.

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